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PROPAGATION: May 14-18, High Normal; May 19-21, Above Normal; May 22, 23, Disturbed; May 24, High/Low Normal; May 25, Low Normal.

FLUX (81)	FLUX (82)	FLUX (83)	DATE	FLUX (84)	ALPHA K (84) (84)
183	145	137	5/3	142	15 2
218	142	131	5/4	121	14 4
233	146	129	5/5	118	16 3
227	150	129	5/6	113	21 4
230	148	115	5/7	106	16 2
222	148	125	5/8	116	6 3
215	137	125	5/9	120	8 3

SOUTH SUDAN: Rumors of TL8GE operating from somewhere materialized after about fifteen months as he appeared as TL8GE/STØ last week. Expected to be there about a month, only reports on him have been with the "INDXA" Net on 14.220. He's been appearing about 0400Z, too late most of the time for propagation to the U.S. QSLs to Yanick Delatoughe, 17 Res du Nouveau, PARC F-78570, France.

Last operation we recall from the S. Sudan was ST2FF/STØ, by OH2BH and OH2MM, in June, 1980. Willi and Martti were in the Sudan to help in establishing station 6T1YP at the Children's Youth Palace. That station was on the bands for a few months and not heard from since.

DESECHEO operation by HI3RST, WP4ATF, and NP4GD, postponed from January to the end of this month, has apparently been postponed again until Fall, although we do not have direct confirmation of that. No boat.

RSGB DX News Sheet reports DJ4IJ/XZ being worked in Europe but he is said to have only "verbal permission to operate." With the poor conditions on the bands, a number of other things are reported in Europe which have not been heard in the 'States or environs:

While both BY1PK and BY8AA are currently off the air, BY4AA is being reported on 20 Meters SSB around 1300Z. This was on days following the recent solar activity with no skip to N.A. In addition, many are still looking for XU1SS on a list operation with VS6CT on 14.330 at 1200Z on Sundays. According to DX Report, they were there May 6 but not worked in N.A.

FURTHER CLIPPERTON information (from CanadX): "Permission has been obtained to keep all the gear in storage, while transportation is ironed out and a new date is set. Tahiti has already confirmed that there is no problem to extend the license and landing permission. There is a possibility they will go before Sept 1; however, if this time frame is not met, then I can only say it will happen before April, 1985. -- WB6GFJ.

MANY have been watching the 14.220 net which fires up around 0230Z, for ET3PS, who apparently has shown once or twice with only stations in the Caribbean being able to copy him. Again, the problem is that by 0300Z or so propagation is gone.

SPRATLY operation still on tap any time now...1S2CK by DU1CK. Other publications are hinting of an additional operation, by DU1JZ, DU3MGL, and KE6PU. It was to have started May 8 but nothing has been heard as of May 11.

BRITISH INVESTIGATORS have firmly established that G8GRN/5X is an unlicensed station, apparently both in Uganda and in the U.K. No one is receiving QSLs from 5X5FS's Mar, 1983 operation, either, operator EI9G being back in Ireland and not answering his mail.

ANYBODY get a QSL from the first VU7WCY operation (Dec 1983)?

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AN AMAZING RUMOR (in DX Report) has a Chilean San Felix operation on tap Jun 16-21, to sign CEØXGZ on all bands. If this were to materialize, it would be the first San Felix operation in twelve years.

NIGER (#23 in last year's TDXB Survey) still being approached by a few. As mentioned here last winter, one American stationed there wants to operate and has just applied for a license. Both TU2NW (an American) and Carl and Martha Henson have tried without success for a 5U license recently...Niger's PTT says no problem but their National Security people must clear the licenses also, and thus far they won't.

SO. Cal. DX CLUB BULLETIN (W6ABW, editor) lists the following DX guests at the April 13/15 International DX Convention (Visalia CA): 4X4NJ, OH2BH, HB9BGN, HB9MX, HKØTU (?), HV2VO, IØMGM, JA1BK, JH1GJX, JH1AIT, KC7UU/5N, KH6IJ, VU2GDG, ZS6AF, AP2ZA, and DU1CK. Your editor will attend this event next year, finances permitting.

QSL HELP NEEDED: YNØM, Nov '83 (W7ULC); 7Q7RM Jan, '76, and HL9TS, Nov, '80 (HP1AC); FPØDX, Nov '83 (VE7DX); 5A1TW, Feb '62 (K1TN).

ARRL'S DX ADVISORY COMMITTEE is in receipt of materials making a case for country status for British bases on Cyprus. The treaty establishing the Republic of Cyprus in 1960 specifically stated that two main UK bases remain under British sovereignty. Amateur stations on these bases use ZC4 call signs, while Cypriots have 5B4 calls. The application for DXCC status claims that the bases are not colonies, so the question of "sufficient independence" should not arise, and that since the bases are about 2000 miles from England, they should meet the "required separation" rules. The application further claims that "the base areas, in terms of size, type of use, population, administration, etc., bear no resemblance to embassies or consulates."

A USEFUL REMINDER from Nate Williams, W9GXR: the Radio Amateur Callbook can help with call signs no longer in effect. This is especially important since so many of us have changed calls the past seven years or so. Nate snagged a K6IGP/KP6 QSL for a contact twenty-five years ago, when the Callbook told him that K6IGP is now KB6QY. Another reminder...if you know a name but not a call sign, ARRL's membership list can be called into service now that they're computerized.

LETTERS

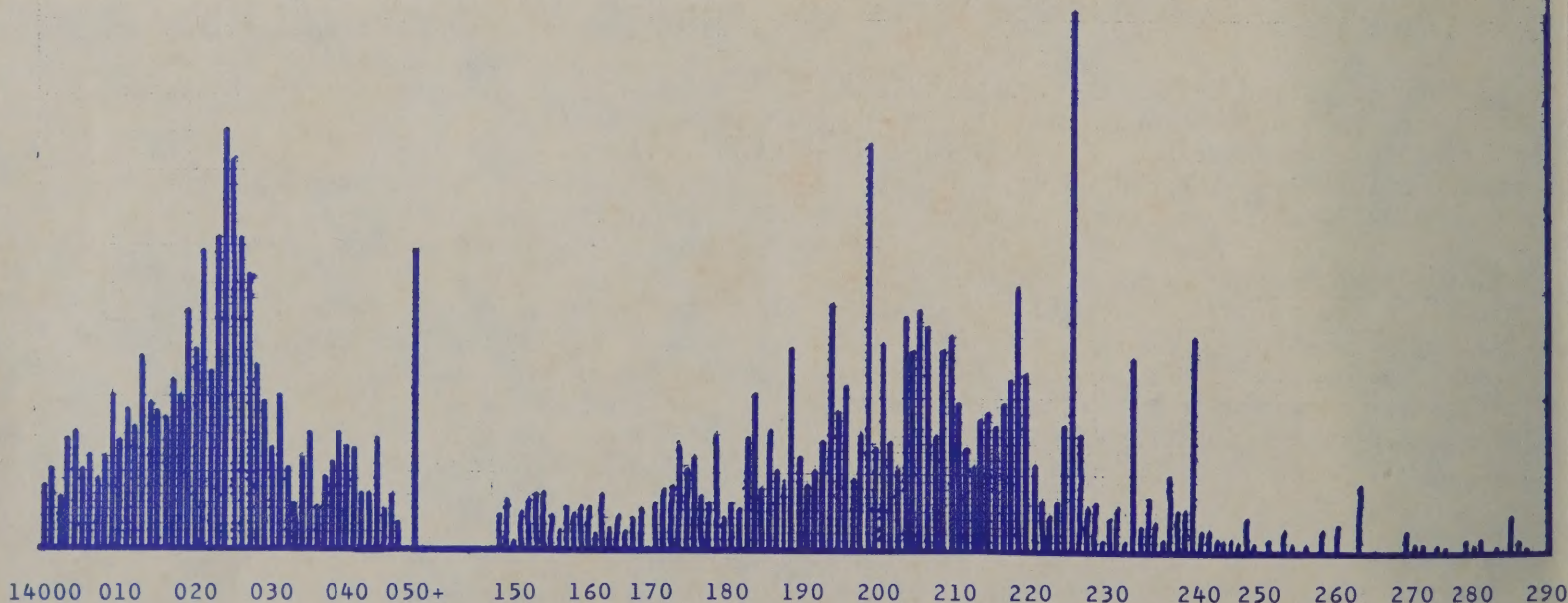
I EXAMINED the BANDPASS reports in TDXB from June to December, 1983, and plotted the graph below by entering a point each time a given frequency was reported; the results show the relative popularity of each frequency. Factors which influence the results may include (1) preferred operating spots for DX stations, (2) preferred frequencies of TDXB reporters, (3) nets, and (4) effects of the American sub-bands.

I did the same thing for 80 Meters, and, predictably, peaks are at 3505 and below and around 3795. Isn't it amazing what some people will do when the bands are dead?

I would have liked to have done something similar for 40 Meters, but my doctor advised against it, as he thinks we might still be able to save my eyesight. Maybe instead I'll undertake an analysis of the word frequency in the Bulletin, and hence make some startling conclusions about the editor.

--- John Connor, VE1BHA

Dear John: Thanks. No need to analyze the word frequency; "Frequency" means how many times something takes place within a given period of time, as in "cycles per second." And if your doctor continues letting you have sharp objects, there'll be more to worry about than your eyesight.



GRAPH 1 - FREQUENCY

BANDPASS: Call/Frequency/UTC (plus West, Mountain, Central, East report)/Date

AP2SQ 14192 12C 1	HL1CG 14025 06W 4	UW3HY/1 7007 02E 6	4X36ID 14195 20E 6
A35SA 14309 05C 25	ISØGDV 28028 16E 29	UAØIBC 7005 10E 2	6WLCC 14040 00C 2
CO5DM 14031 01E 1	ISØOMH 14025 22E 1	UP1BZZ 14032 22E 3	6Y5SG 14002 21E 28
CP8BA 7007 03E 5	JY9CZ 14031 23E 3	UQ1GXX 14026 23E 2	6Y5JH 14023 23E 3
CP6EE 14017 02E 5	J28CI 14022 22E 30	UZ1AJO 14029 22E 3	7X2BK 14201 21E 5
CT2CR 14243 01W 28	J28DM 14007 20C 5	UZ2FWA 14026 22E 30	7X2FK 14016 23C 30
CT2EV 21025 20E 28	KC6VD 14309 05C 25	UB4QWW 14024 22E 30	9M6MH 14206 11E 24
CT2EV 14013 19C 30	KC6JA 14309 05C 29	UT4UW 14031 22E 3	9V1VP 14214 03W 25
C21RK 14309 03C 6	KC6HA 14309 04C 29	RT5JG 14032 21E 2	9X5WP 21278 19C 3
G6ZY/	KX6LU 14309 05C 25	UD6DEY 7025 02E 25	
EA6 14026 02E 5	KX6DS 7005 10E 2	UF7VWG 14182 03E 3	
EA8ZQ 21024 16E 29	AH8A 14220 06C 4	UF6DZ 14181 21E 5	
EA8GP 7008 00E 7	AH8A 14220 07E 5	UF7FWW 14217 20E 5	
EA9MF 14024 22E 30	OA8CP 14020 12E 1	RI8BL 14176 02E 8	
EA9FT 14011 16E 30	OD5LX 21029 14E 29	UI8ZAA 14161 01E 8	
EA9GK 14017 01E 1	OD5LX 7018 02E 6	UJ8JCQ 14174 02E 8	
EA9KQ 7001 01E 5	OD5LT 14175 01E 8	UJ8JO 14157 01E 8	
EA9QE 21273 15E 7	OX3YN 21008 16E 29	UL8GBW 14008 11E 2	
OH2BH/	OX3UD 14019 02E 5	UL7GBO 14014 00E 7	
EA9 14195 01E 8	LA5VAA/	UL8LFK 7010 00E 7	
(????)	OY 7026 03E 24	UM8MI 14179 02E 8	
EL2P 14038 00C 6	OY7A 14032 01E 1	VK9LH 14220 07E 5	
FK8DY 14027 05W 30	OY7A 14022 11E 2	(ex-VK2LHI)	
FK8CE 14011 05W 1	LA5VAA/	VP2KG 14264 04C 25	
FMØFJD 14027 23E 2	OY 14019 06W 3	VS6DX 14024 13W 3	
FM7BH 14024 21E 2	K3UOC/	VU2BK 7004 00E 6	
FM7WD 7014 02E 6	PJ4 14026 01E 1	XT2BR 14192 23E 25	
FO8HL 14181 04W 28	PZ1AP 7002 10E 2	XT2BM 14254 01W 26	
FO8EW 7005 07E 1	TL8GE/	XT2BR 14243 01C 28	
FO8JR 7007 06W 2	STØ 14236 04E 8	XT2BR 14212 23E 5	
FO8EW 14014 06W 4	SULER 3778 03E 28	YC4FPE 21031 14E 29	
FO8DP 14037 06E 5	SV1SQ 21021 13C 29	YB4FN 14004 17W 1	
FPØVV 14002 22E 2	SV1LV 21028 19E 29	YB9VA 14221 12C 6	
FR7BP 14025 12E 25	SV1RP 21025 20E 2	YI1BGD 14214 14W 25	
FR7ZB 14210 04E 1	SV1DT 14281 21E 5	YJ8RG 14175 11C 6	
FW8AF 21029 00C 1	DF4RD/	YN1JCC 14033 22E 30	
FY7BO 14040 21E 2	SV9 21024 16E 1	ZB2EO 21010 16E 29	
GJ2LU 14015 11E 30	TF3CW 14032 01E 1	ZB2HT 21300 19E 5	
GU3HFN 7005 21E 2	TF3GG 14003 22E 3	ZB2BL 3797 00E 6	
GU4XEA 14034 22E 3	N2ALO/	ZC4CZ 14034 22E 26	
HK1APN 7009 06W 4	TI5 14259 04W 28	ZC4WW 21034 13E 29	
HKØHEU 28595 00C 1	TI5BGA 14012 23E 4	ZD8RC 14225 18E 6	
HKØHEU 14196 12C 4	TR8DR 14016 00E 1	ZD9BV 3790 07E 2/4	
HKØHEU 21295 19E 5	TR8DR 7003 23C 3	ZK1CG 14309 03C 6	
HKØHEU 21295 21E 7	TR8DR 14010 22C 6	Z21GC 14192 03W 22	
HL9JT 14025 12E 24	T3ØAT 14015 06W 3	4S7CF 14197 10E 9	
HL9NC 14204 04W 28	T32AT 14009 04C 6	4U1UN 14176 14C 28	
HL9TX 14026 12E 1	T77C 21024 19E 29	4U9ITU 21023 15E 2	
HLØCBD 7008 10E 2	T77C 14199 23E 2	4X4NJ 14026 22E 27	

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STAR OF BETHLEHEM! As threatened, it is,
(l-r), editors VE3FRA (DX Report), K1TN
(The DX Bulletin), and W5KNE (QRZ DX). Photo
taken at Dayton by either K3ZJ or WA8CZS...
we lost track.

CALENDAR

ETHIOPIA ET3PS on 20 SSB; Issues 233, 238
 GENEVA 4U1ITU by W1RR Now to May 17
 MONACO DL1BA/3A now to May 30
 S SUDAN TL8GE/STØ on lists now; I 238
 USSR New callsigns started May 1

SPRATLY 1S2CK late this month; I 235, 238
 ST MAARTEN K2KTT/PJ7 May 17-29
 DESECHEO Rumored postponed; I 238
 SABLE CYØSAB Rumored May 25-30
 CONTEST CQ WPX CW May 26/27
 GUERNSEY GU3HFN rumored by N5RM May 26/27

TAIWAN JA group second week of June; I 237
 CONTEST RSGB Field Day Jun 2/3
 CONTEST So. American CW, Jun 9/10
 SAN FELIX RUMOR Jun 16-21
 CONTEST All Asia Phone Jun 16/17

CONTEST ARRL Field Day Jun 23/24

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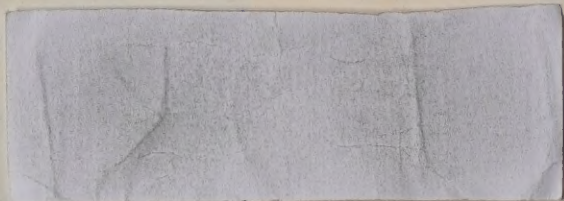
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COMMENTS

Yes, we do want your log extracts and info from late 1973 (as mentioned in the recent "Nostalgia Corner"). Your editor's personal logbook drops off in July, 1973, and picks up in the spring of '74. Those of us who have been through a sunspot minimum and lived to tell about it must do so, before the newcomers give up hope.

For Now, let's reassure them that recent conditions are almost as much a result of the summer as they are of falling solar flux, and that the bands will rebound in October.



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